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Rockin' the Festival



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Gordie Johnson, the frontman for Canadian blues-rock group Big Sugar, blasting off a solo on his double-neck guitar during last Friday night's concert at the Friendship Festival.

Another smooth year

➤ Confusion over fireworks the main complaint heard

Kris Dubé
The Times

Despite a Canada Day fireworks display that never ended up hitting the sky when it was scheduled, the Friendship Festival is being deemed a success.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers and community groups, festival manager Pio Odding said the 25th annual binational celebration would not have gone as smoothly as it did.

"It's such a team effort," she said on July 4 as crews tore down rides and tents nearby.

"We really hope to keep it going this way," she added.

Odding didn't have exact figures, but believes the Saturday night concert featuring Ian Thornley and Big Wreck was not as well-attended as the Canada Day performance headlined by Big Sugar.

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Festival full of photos in its 25th year



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The midway was very busy every day of the festival, with a variety of booths to peruse.



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Emily Cauley, left, and her brother Ronnie having a blast on the Scrambler at the 25th annual Friendship Festival.

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As of Wednesday, July 13, 2011, Tender Documents may be viewed at the Town of Fort Erie Infrastructure Services Department, Engineering Division and at the Niagara Construction Association, 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

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Favourable weather conditions help with festival turnout

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She attributes this to the impending thunderstorm that meteorologists warned about, but like the fireworks from the night before... it never happened.

"A lot of people were worried about the rain," she said.

During the morning and afternoon hours for every day of the event, sunny skies and warm weather most certainly drew in thousands of people.

"The daytime attendance keeps increasing every year." With additional mini-events within the festival such as Fort Erie's finest pet show, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee's Battle of the Bands and the Adimione Christian rock concert, Odding said it compliments the celebration rather nicely, drawing more people in.

"We're thinking of other things like that to do, so we can keep it going," she said.

Years ago, before smoking by-laws impacted the amount of revenue brought in at bingo events, the festival had a much larger pool to take from.

Now, fundraising is more

important than ever. The overall budget for this year was about \$360,000. The Town of Fort Erie pitched in \$4,000 and about \$45,000 was raised from bingo over the past year.

"Overall, things were pretty good," Odding said, summarizing the entire four day affair.

The biggest complaint heard around the festival was the fact that the annual fireworks display did not go off and ended up being re-scheduled for Saturday evening.

Originally scheduled for Friday at 10 p.m., many visitors could be seen shaking their heads leaving the premises just before 11 p.m. An hour of waiting for the fireworks was the average time most people seemed to give.

Rich Harrington, a local resident who looks forward to the display in the sky every year, understands that sometimes things don't go as planned. But he and many others feels the thousands of people in the area could have been warned that there would be no fireworks.

"There definitely should have been some sort of announcement," said

Harrington.

Eddy Evans, a local resident who performs under the moniker 'Fast Eddy The Roller Skating Elvis,' was pleased to be back at the Friendship Festival for his ninth year in a row.

"I love it, it's always such a great time," he said while taking a break from performing an extensive list of Elvis Presley songs.

Betty Oliver is also a long-time resident of Fort Erie who has been setting up at the festival for a number of years, selling her own brand of children's fisherman knit sweaters.

She enjoys being a part of the annual celebration not only to sell some of her products, but also networking with everyone in the booths around her and the people who stop by to take a look at her sweaters.

"I like to come down and touch base with all the people," she said.



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Pete Collee with his grandchildren Christina, Claire, Cathleen and Carolyn at the Friendship Festival on Canada Day.



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Crystal Beach pizzeria destroyed by fire

Owners plan to re-open, thank police and fire department for handling of situation

"I'm not ready to retire yet."

— Owner James Opatovsky

Kris Dubé
The Times

A pizzeria that has been a part of Crystal Beach for the last 30 years was destroyed by fire on Friday.

Just before 10 a.m., the Fort Erie Fire Department (FEFD) received a call about smoke emitting from the building on the corner of Ridgeway and Farr Roads.

Three stations within the FEFD were dispatched and were on scene for a couple of hours.

Chief Larry Coplen said the blaze was under control shortly after the FEFD arrived, but the possibility of it warming up again and the necessary

removal of cellulose insulation kept firefighters there into the afternoon.

"They had the fire contained in about a half an hour," Coplen told the Times.

He estimates the fire caused \$250,000 in damage and a cause has not been determined.

The Ontario Fire Marshal will not investigate and the case will be handed over to insurance companies.

Re-opening is definitely the next step for owner James Opatovsky.

"I'm not ready to retire yet, if it happened ten years from now, I probably

wouldn't," said Opatovsky, who owns the restaurant with his wife Toni.

He was not at the business when the fire started, but home getting ready for his daughter's wedding this weekend by preparing the house for out-of-town guests.

"A buddy of mine came over and told me there was smoke pouring out the back of the restaurant," he said.

Thankfully, there were no injuries and Opatovsky wishes to thank the FEFD and Niagara Regional Police for their quick response and action at the scene.

"They were fantastic." News of the fire spread quickly throughout town and they received many phone calls and stop-ins at the house from people who wanted to provide comfort and support during this difficult time, which he and his wife are thankful for.

"What a great community we have."



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Two members of the Fort Erie Fire Department on scene of a fire that destroyed Lino's Pizzeria in Crystal Beach last Friday. Damage is estimated to be \$250,000.

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Welcome to the welcome centre



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Old Fort manager Heather Gorman, middle, along with historic interpreters Mike Berg and Kelly Wood, in front of the recently completed welcome centre at the historic site. The new building was built with government funding, in preparation for the War of 1812 bicentennial celebration next year.

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our editorial

Young men deserve recognition for heroism

The story you will read on page in this week's Times is the type we like to write about, especially when it comes to local youth.

We are referring to the two young men who saved a family from drowning at Waverly Beach last weekend.

Saying these are two smart young lads, would be an understatement.

At that age, to so quickly come up with the idea they did to save the distressed family, is remarkable and they need to be congratulated for their valiant efforts.

Fire chief Larry Coplen summed it up rather nicely when he was asked for a comment on the story.

He basically said that we read so

often about kids this age making headlines for all the wrong reasons... and it's refreshing to hear about two level-headed young men like Danny Park and Alex Humphrey, who obviously are well on their way to becoming outstanding citizens in the world.

We're not saying these are the only two good kids out there, because that's nowhere near the truth... but do feel their peers can learn from their example.

Congratulations on a job well done and good luck with your futures, which we assume will be bright ones.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

A big thank you to Tim Morin for identifying last week's photo of Fort Erie Fire Company No. 1's Jamboree and parade down Central Avenue.

Tim, a former organizer of this annual event, recognized the marching ladies as the flag-bearing part of the American "Frontiersmen" group.

They were one of over a hundred units in the parade that wound its way from Douglas School to the old arena in Fort Erie.

If you remember watching or participating in one of the Fire Company's parades, it is never too late to call the Museum and help us put names to faces in this picture!

This week's photo may help you cool off from July's hot weather - do you recognize these men floating in the Niagara River beside the International Railway Bridge?

Please contact the Fort Erie Historical Museum by phone (905) 894-5322 or send an e-mail to museum@forterie.on.ca.

Fireworks confusion should be forgiven and forgotten



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

Everyone makes mistakes... so let's just forgive and forget.

What I'm referring to is the Canada Day fireworks display, that never ended up happening on the night it was scheduled.

I covered the entire Friendship Festival by myself this year and on

Friday night, was running back and forth between a good spot to shoot the fireworks with my camera and the concert that was taking place a few hundred feet from the breakwall, where I found a spot for the fireworks.

By 10:30 p.m., a half hour after they were supposed to hit the sky, I knew something was going on. But many people in the crowd, consisting mostly of teenagers and parents with their children, waited eagerly for that first crack that would kick off the display.

It never happened.

Throughout the rest of the festival, I was approached by many people who either knew me personally or simply recognized me from the newspaper and asked what the issue was. I knew it was a computer malfunction that hindered the show, but didn't find out until the next day.

It's a matter of safety and in fact, the company responsible for the fireworks should at least be thanked for not going ahead with the show, because it was the wellbeing of the thousands of people in the area that was considered first.

Like I said, everyone makes mistakes and I think readers will appreciate the apology published in this week's letters to the editor page.

It takes a lot of courage to publicly admit a mishap like this and anyone who doesn't understand that sometimes glitches occur, should really sit back and be thankful that nobody was injured and that the fireworks were still offened the following day, on July 2.

I will say that an announcement most certainly should have been made. I'm pretty sure the

best way of doing this would have been having someone get on a microphone at the concert stage to notify everyone what was going on.

Word of mouth would have spread quickly to those who were too far from the concert area to hear the announcement and a lot of people would have left with some closure... or simply left a lot earlier instead of waiting around for an hour with anxious children until 11 p.m.

All that aside, I would say the annual celebration was a success, although it does seem to get smaller and

smaller each year. I remember a time when there were vendors all along the Parkway to the Old Fort, but a much smaller budget is most likely why this is no longer a reality.

The police have confirmed there were no arrests made, which is always good to hear.

The festival committee is seeking new and fresh ideas for next year, so don't hesitate and make a suggestion.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Rally depicts a unified fight for health care

Dear Editor,

The Hospital Rally held in Niagara Falls on Wednesday July 6 was a success with a turnout of close to 200 angry and frustrated people. It was especially good in spite of the short notice of the event. The success and turnout had much to do with the excellent planning by Niagara Falls councillor Wayne Gates and the Mayor and council of Niagara Falls, who work as a unified city, giving the message that we are all in this fight together and must stand together. All communities have to work together as it takes a unified front to win a battle, and that was quite evident.

The excellent speakers spoke to the issue we were most concerned about right now. The outbreak of C.difficile,

MRSA and VRE, the 17 known deaths, and the fact that the public were not informed. Some family members who lost loved ones by this outbreak were in the crowd, and want to speak out.

Mayor Diodati is not afraid to speak out and at one point commented on the hiring of extra security staff out in the hospital parking lot. (A parking lot we were not allowed on, nor were we allowed to step off the sidewalk onto the grass on the hospital side of the walk).

He said "do you know what I say? Give them all a cloth and some bleach and go clean a room."

Yes - he is not afraid to speak out!

Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath was a key speaker and gave a passionate talk about health care and what it is doing to all of us.

She reinforced her declaration to help us fight and to get the spending of money into actual healthcare where it belongs.

Sue Salzer was excellent and told about the Yellow Shirt Brigade and our continued struggle to regain our services and speak out for those who could not speak out for themselves.

My feeling about the event, that although did not have all the flare and excitement that some have had, was excellent and it shows that now that others are feeling the effects of the NHS and the HIP that they are willing to step up and take part in the ongoing fight for survival. The fight of life and death and the fight for our rights as Canadians, in Canada..

Joy Russell
Yellow Shirt Brigade

The TIMES Asks

Did you attend the Friendship Festival?
What did you think of it this year?



Ashtyn Wolbert

"I really liked it. The two big slides were a lot of fun."



Melissa Wolbert

"It was great, but it was better when there was more vendors."



Mackenzie Daybolt

"Yes, I went... and the kids had a great time."



Gabriela Gonzalez

"I went almost every day, but I was a little disappointed about the fireworks."

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Apology for fireworks mishap on July 1

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Canada Day celebrations of Fort Erie Inc., the committee would like to apologize for the failure of the fireworks display on Friday July 1 and the lack of communication during and following our dilemma.

We want to first acknowledge the disappointment many families experienced. Thousands of people watched the event

each year and we know that this is one of the highlights of the day.

We realize that some families may have missed the fireworks entirely because they had planned to be at the event Friday and could not be at the make-up event Saturday.

There may also be other impacts to people that we are not even aware of.

We worked diligently towards a spectacular show. We are extraordinarily disappointed and

embarrassed that the event did not proceed flawlessly.

The computer system malfunctioned.

The committee accepts responsibility for the failure of the fireworks show July 1 and to the lack of communication during and after our situation.

We are having our equipment thoroughly tested to identify the technical malfunction. We now have in place radio communication with the Friendship Festival and the sponsoring

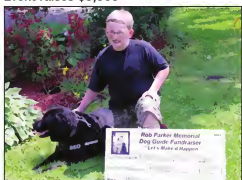
radio station to expedite information during any future problems we may encounter.

Canada Day Celebrations is very keen to hear from you regarding any impact Friday had on you or your family. Please forward any feedback to canaday@forterie@gmail.com.

Again, please accept our heartfelt apologies.

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Stephen Parker and his dog Duke, with a cheque from the recent Let's Make it Happen fundraiser, that brought in \$5,000 for the Lions Guide Dog Foundation. Stephen's father Rob started the event, before he passed away last year. The family is extremely thankful for the community's response to the event.

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Young boys' quick thinking saves drowning family

Kris Dubé
The Times

Local teenagers Danny
Park and Alex Humphrey
have been fishing in Lake

Erie pretty much everyday
this summer.
But last Sunday's trip to the

pier at Waverly Beach is one
they will remember for the
rest of their life.

In the late afternoon, the
high school buddies who are
entering grade ten at Fort
Erie Secondary School in
September were having a
casual day along the water,
hoping for a snag or two.

Nearby, a father and his
son, with a woman who
appeared to be the young
boy's grandmother, were also
casting their fishing poles.

The young boy dropped
his pole into the water... and
decided to jump in after it.

In a panic, the father
plunged in an attempt to
rescue him, as did the elderly
woman who was with them.

Sharply acting on their
feet, the two young men tied
their lines together and
handed them to the frantic
family.

"The boy was totally under
the water and the dad yelled
to us that he can't swim," said
Humphrey, 14.

Park said because they are
so familiar with the local fish-
ing hole, both acted out
knowing a rescue from the
pier was their only option.

"We know how strong the
current is, so if we jumped in
they could grab us and pull
us under," said the 15-year-
old.

In the end, all three indi-
viduals were pulled to safety
and the boys explained their
reaction as pure shock.

"They just kept thanking
us," said Humphrey.

Once they realized the
ordeal had finished with a
happy ending, the boys
called their parents and

explained what happened.

They called us in a panic
and told us they had just
saved someone," said Alex's
mother Lesley Humphrey,
who immediately drove
down to the beach after hear-
ing about about the incident.

"They were in shock and
the father had some cuts on

his leg," she said.

The Humphreys and Parks
have not been in contact with
the family since last Sunday,
but would like to hear from
them, to see how they are
doing.

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Companion bridge will not be built any time soon

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Peace Bridge Authority (PBA) is giving up on its efforts to build a three-span arch companion bridge, due to a non-existent funding source from the U.S. government.

Instead, the PBA will undergo a different project that does not involve the previous plan to build a new plaza on the U.S. side of the border and a companion bridge.

The projected cost of building a new plaza and bridge is \$700 million, but now the PBA will fund a \$60 initiative that will renovate the current plaza on the American side.

General manager of the PBA Ron Rienas, said up with the Times this week to explain the new plan, which he says will alleviate issues of traffic congestion at the busy border crossing.

"We have significant operational problems with our U.S. plaza we have not really been able to address," said Rienas.

The problem exists more with commercial vehicles than it does with motorists using the car lanes.

Entering the U.S. there are seven primary inspection booths used by commercial trucks. When a U.S. customs officer feels there are grounds for a secondary inspection with the one x-ray machine on the American side, they are sent to an area that is a short distance from where the first inspection takes place.

If more than one truck is sent for an x-ray at the same time, it would block traffic considerably. Therefore, trucks have to wait until there is room at the secondary area before they can move ahead.

When this happens, the bridge becomes congested.

"That's a huge problem for us," said Rienas.

Although a second bridge would certainly have a positive impact on this dilemma, Rienas said the new plan to renovate the current plaza and build additional booths will still help.

"The purpose of building a bridge is not necessarily

related to traffic volumes, it's related to dealing with congestion," he said.

Waiting any longer for a funding source to build a three-span companion is simply no longer an option.

"For us to wait for the funding... it could be years. We have immediate projects that need to be addressed," added Rienas.

He also used this past weekend as an example, especially on Canada Day, when traffic entering the U.S. could be sent backed up all the way to the Thompson Road exit on the Queen Elizabeth Way for about 12 hours.

In the new plan, the US

side could be expanded from a total of 18 booths to 25, which Rienas said would alleviate the congestion seen last Friday.

"It would have made a big difference, having that capacity," said Rienas.

The renovation of the portal to the U.S. could take place as early as within a few months, if all goes as planned.

"Parts of it, depending how we phase it, could start this fall," said Rienas.

Although a second bridge would be ideal for the PBA, Rienas said action needs to be taken as soon as it can, to fix the problems that exist at the bridge.

"We have an opportunity to make improvements for our bi-national region and we want to do them."

A new plaza on the Canadian side of the bridge was completed in 2006.

In 2001, a twin-span plan was shot down and other possibilities were looked into.

The following year, Swiss bridge designer Christian Menn recommended a two-tower cable-stayed design. In 2003, the mayor of Buffalo, N.Y. at the time, Anthony Masiello motioned for a study on shared border management, which would allow for U.S. Customs officials to set up shop in Fort Erie before any further progress

was made on an expansion.

A few years later in 2008, after the Christian Menn designed was pinpointed as the design of choice, the PBA had to start back at square one when environmental groups raised concerns over the design's height and its impact on migratory birds.

In August of 2009, the U.S. federal government decided to not have any further discussions about shared border management. A few months later in January 2010, the public on both sides agreed a three-span arch design would be the best to move ahead with, determined in a series of input sessions.

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Petition an attempt to save old trees in Ridgeway

Kris Dubé
The Times

Apparent plans to cut

down almost a dozen grandiose maple trees in Ridgeway is like cutting off an arm for a hangnail, says

resident Debbie Bonner.

The trees in question sit in front of her home on Highland Avenue and have been painted with an 'X' which was immediately a concern for Chapman and another Ridgeway resident Brigitte Bonner.

The pair has started a petition, asking the Town of Fort Erie to reconsider its plans to cut them down...hoping instead that perhaps the dead branches that are the origin of the situation, be trimmed to make the trees more safe for the neighbourhood.

bourhood.

"To just put up a white 'X' on them and say they need to be cut down doesn't seem reasonable," said Chapman when she and Bonner met with the Times this week at her home.

"If they really do have to come down, then they should be replaced," said Bonner.

The petition was put out at various locations in Ridgeway about a week-and-a-half ago, such as Joe's Value Mart, Ridgeway IDA, Brodie's, Lasting Impressions, the Downtown Dollar Store, Movie Madness and John's General Store.

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TED BLOWES
Stratford, Ontario

Ted Blowes, a retired Geography teacher, is a founding member of Communities in Bloom, and the present National Chairman of the organization.

Since 1995, Ted has been a Provincial, National and International Judge for Communities in Bloom. In 2002 and 2003, Ted served as an America in Bloom

Judge. Ted was also a WinterLights judge for six years. In all of these roles, he has judged over 150 communities across Canada, the United States, Europe & Japan.

Mr. Blowes is also Senior Judge in the Sullivan Renaissance County-wide Beautification Program in Sullivan County, New York, USA. Ted served 14 years on the City of Stratford Council, the last 10 years as Mayor before retiring in 1988.

He has been recognized for his contributions to local government and the environment by OSUM (Ontario Small Urban Municipalities), A.M.O. (Association of Municipalities of Ontario), Tree Canada, the City of Stratford, the Ontario Horticultural Association, the Conservation Council of Ontario, Evergreen, the Canadian Wildlife Habitat, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the Stratford Beacon Herald.

Mr. Blowes presently serves as the Annual Conference and Trade show coordinator for OSUM. Ted, a non-Rotarian, has been honoured with a Paul Harris Fellowship by Rotary International, is a recipient of both the Canada 125 Medal and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. Ted is a Commander in the Order of St. John and an Honorary Member of the Korea Veterans Association of Canada.

Ted is also a very active volunteer with many different organizations in Stratford.



Recently, Communities in Bloom held a successful Rain Barrel Sale.

From left to right: Taylor Bousquet, Student Volunteer; Cleo (Scarlett), Sandra Fishman, Vice Chair; Carole Bousquet, Chair, checking the sales; and Bob Stickle, Council Representative.

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To everyone who attended the Friendship Festival and took part in Fort Erie's trademark event.

Brick

To the prices of all the food at the festival. I understand it's all about making money...but seven dollars for a sandwich? With no fries included? Add a four dollar drink and you're pretty much tapped for the day.

Bouquet

To the youth that use the skatepark and aren't afraid to wear a helmet, even though it isn't con-

sidered 'cool' by their peers. Not having permanent brain damage is far more cool than most kids would realize though.

Brick

To people who leave their garbage cans and recycle bins at the end of their driveway for several days after their trash has been collected. They roll around on the street when it's windy and make it look like you don't care about your neighbourhood's appearance.

Brick

To the Friendship Festival for not making an announcement that the Canada Day fireworks would not be taking place. There was a gigantic speaker system at the concert stage that certainly could have been used to get the message across and many children and parents wouldn't have had to stick around as long as they did.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Ridgeway residents Brigitte Bonner and Debbie Chapman standing under one of the trees in the Highland Avenue area that have been marked to be cut down by the Town.



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Arborist's assessment will provide answers

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“Half of them are dangerous and need to come down.”

— Ron Tripp

Director of infrastructure services Ron Tripp said an arborist's report will provide a better determination of what needs to be done, but said some of the trees in the area have seen the end of the root.

“Half of them are dangerous and need to come down,” said Tripp. There are some that are not as bad as others, and Tripp said there is certainly a chance some will survive.

“There are problems will all of them, it's a question of degree,” he said.

Tripp estimates they are between 70 and 90 years old... and at this time in their lifespan, and when they start to decay from the top down and the inside out.

A parent concerned over falling branches is what caught the Town's interest.

“It's inherent with the type of tree, the age and the condition of them.”

Considering the Town is still recovering from the October 2006 storm that crippled most trees in its path, getting more from the ground is a struggle.

“We simply haven't been able to afford an aggressive re-planting,” said Tripp.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times
Ridgeway residents Debbie Chapman, left, and Brigitte Bonner have started a petition, asking the Town to reconsider plans to cut down about 11 trees in Ridgeway.

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Parents want to hear from family, find out how they are doing

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"It would be nice to hear from them," said Lesley. Park's father Dan Sr., also hopes they will come forward to give an update on their condition. "Maybe if they read all these articles, they will call," said the father, who is very

proud of his son and his friend. "This is a great thing to do at their age," he said. It is believed the family is from New York, judging by the license plate on their car. Since emergency personnel were not dispatched to the scene, Fort Erie Fire

Department chief Larry Coplen did not know much about what happened, but did commend the young men for their bravery. "You often hear about youth getting in trouble and being on the wrong side of authority, but it's nice once in a while to hear something like this," said Coplen.

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Summer festival this weekend

It's time to celebrate in Ridgeway. The annual Ridgeway Summer Festival is set to hit Ridge Road this weekend, after having to re-locate last year due to construction of the village's downtown corridor.

There is plenty to do for the whole family such as the farmer's market on Saturday morning, a live auction, live music, food and crafts, games... the list goes on. The Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinsmen - Street Dance and Beer Tent will

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The U-11 Fort Erie travel girls soccer team sponsored by the local Opti-Mrs stung a team from Webster, N.Y., winning the Lakefront Classic Empire Cup Soccer Tournament.

It was Addie Hamby shutting out all opponents with the assistance of a strong defensive core, led by Sarah Roberts.

The offense line stayed solid throughout the tournament.

ment with Megan Fazekas leading in goal scoring. This offense was supported by the strong performance of determined midfielders.

Keturah Balabekyukbo's phenomenal strength and speed blindsided the opposing attackers.

This was an outstanding performance by the girls and a great beginning to the season, says the team's coaching staff.



The U-11 girls travel soccer team, who recently won a tournament in Webster, N.Y. The coaching staff is very proud of the accomplishment.

Cannons sitting pretty in second place

Local mens baseball team has two home games at Oakes Park this week, hope sports fans will show support

The Cannons remain in second place in the Niagara District Senior Men's League with an 8-4 record after splitting a couple of road games this past week. They lost a 1-0 squeaker in St. Catharines to the Cobras Saturday night before hammering the Fantoms 11-4 in Thorold on Tuesday.

This marked the return of star center fielder, Frankie Biggins who has been on the disabled list all season with an injury.

The lead off hitter scored three runs and was more

than spectacular in the outfield, says the team's manager C.A. Hall.

The Cannons have two home games this week, Monday against the Welland Chiefs and Wednesday they host the league leading Welland Pirates.

The first pitch will be thrown at Oakes Park at 7:30 p.m., at Oakes Park.

The Cannons hope local sports fans will come out to show their support for the squad.

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Grey is welcomed by its two grandmothers Pat and Ken Abbas of Fort Erie and experienced grandparents, Jacqui and Harry Mull of Ancaster.

Special thanks to Isabelle and Helene of Family Midwifery Care of Guelph for their wonderful care and Dr. Ben Ayambaje for the safe delivery.



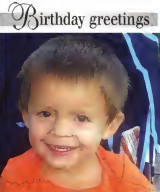
VAN KOUGHNETT - Natalie Van Koughnett is delighted to announce the birth of her little sister, **Eleanor Nicole** born on June 30, 2011 weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces. Proud parents are David and Laura Van Koughnett. Excited grandparents Paul and Susan Balsano and John and Annie Van Koughnett along with Aunts Rona and Elaine Balsano and Julie Ann Van Koughnett. Proud great grandparents are Antonio and Olga DeSimone. A very special thank you to the Renaissance Midwifery.

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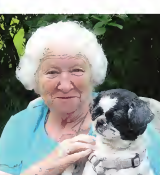
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July 9th

An Open House will be held on Sunday, July 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Fort Erie Conservation Club, 2555 Ott Road and Main Street West, Stevensville. Best wishes only please. If you are unable to attend and want to send best wishes, e-mail peers80th@gmail.com

Graduations

Jasmine Ann Patterson
Congratulations for Graduating from Georgian College with your Child & Youth Worker Diploma with Honours. To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan but also believe. We are so very proud of you and everything that you have achieved. Lots of love your family oxxx



Cooper/Dimitriou
Nancy Cooper and Paul (Fran) Cooper would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, **Sissy Anne**, to **Harry Dimitriou** on June 29th, 2011 in Hummelstown, Pennsylvania.

Anniversaries

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Deaths

WELDON, Shirley - On Wednesday July 6, 2011 Shirley passed away peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital. Beloved wife of the late James Weldon (2008). Cherished and loving mother of Cindy (Bill) Sauer and the late Patrick Weldon (2001). Much loved Nana of Nathan (Leigh-Ann) Sauer, Rebekah (Blair) Booth, Joel (Kyeen) Weldon, Ien (Katelynn) Weldon and David Weldon. Great-Nana of Samara, Rachael, Emma, Paige and Logan. Shirley lived in this area her whole life, a devoted wife who assisted her husband with the family business, a hard-working mother whose goal with her husband was to put family in loving care and always willing to help. A caring Nana to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a faithful attendee and supporter of Golden Harvest Baptist Church and ministries and will be missed by her church family there and many others who knew her. She had a positive attitude despite many physical problems and sought to encourage people. Friends called at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road N., Ridgeway on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9. Funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon (today) at 1 o'clock at Golden Harvest Baptist Church, 3130 Point Abino Road, Stevensville. Interment will follow at McAttee Cemetery. Donations in her memory may be made to Golden Harvest Baptist Church. On-line guest register at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca.

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Memorial services

MOORE, Robert Newton - The family of the late Robert (Bob) Moore will be happy to greet family and friends for some memories and a celebration of his life at Williams Funeral Home, 722 Ridge Rd, Ridgeway, ON, on Sat. 16 July, 2011 between noon & 3PM. A brief Memorial Service will follow at graveside in McAttee Cemetery, Thomson Rd, Fort Erie at 4PM.

In memoriam

MacDONALD

In loving memory of our dear mother Jean, who passed away on July 5, 1988 and a loving father, Alno, who passed away on July 18, 1980.

If we had all the world to give,
We'd give it, yes, and more.
To hear your voices, see your smiles,
And greet you at the door.
But all we can do, dear Mum and Dad,
Is to go and tend your grave,
And leave behind tokens of love,
To the best parents God ever made.
We like to think when life is done,
Wherever heaven may be,
They'll be standing at the door
Up there to welcome us.
Always in our thoughts,
Jim, Joan, Randy, Eleanor, Heather
and families

The joys that he missed
on life's highway,
May he find in God's garden of rest.

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In memoriam

Missing Dad on his 80th Birthday
Doug Fraser
(July 9, 1931 - October 28, 2008)



The angels led you safely home
But you left some things behind
Memories tucked inside my heart
Those of a special kind.
Memories of a love you gave
The happy times we shared
Memories of a special dad
Who always showed he cared.
And from early dawn to setting sun
Each day my whole life through
My heart will hold a special place
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